

***Lactobacillus crispatus*, Strain PSS7772C**

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Product Description:

Bacteria Classification: *Lactobacillaceae*, *Lactobacillus*

Species: *Lactobacillus crispatus*

Strain: PSS7772C

Original Source: *Lactobacillus crispatus* (*L. crispatus*), strain PSS7772C was isolated in 2014 from urine of a pregnant woman in St. Louis, Missouri, USA.^{1,2}

Comments: *L. crispatus*, strain PSS7772C ([HMP ID 3209](#)) is a reference genome for [The Human Microbiome Project](#) (HMP). HMP is an initiative to identify and characterize human microbial flora. The complete genome of *L. crispatus*, strain PSS7772C was sequenced at the Genome Institute at [Washington University](#) (GenBank: [LSQY00000000](#)).

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L. crispatus is a Gram-positive, facultatively anaerobic, mesophilic, non-motile bacterium comprising the normal vaginal microbiota of human females. Its role in the regulation of pH through lactic acid production by anaerobic metabolism of glycogen helps promote a healthy ecosystem within the female lower vaginal tract.^{3,4} Loss of *L. crispatus* has been noted in women with bacterial vaginosis.³

Material Provided:

Each vial contains approximately 0.5 mL of bacterial culture in Lactobacilli MRS broth supplemented with 10% glycerol.

Note: If homogeneity is required for your intended use, please purify prior to initiating work.

Packaging/Storage:

HM-1277 was packaged aseptically in cryovials. The product is provided frozen and should be stored at -60°C or colder immediately upon arrival. For long-term storage, the vapor phase of a liquid nitrogen freezer is recommended. Freeze-thaw cycles should be avoided.

Growth Conditions:

Media:

Lactobacilli MRS broth or NYC III broth or equivalent
Lactobacilli MRS agar or Tryptic Soy agar with 5% defibrinated sheep blood or equivalent

Incubation:

Temperature: 37°C

Atmosphere: Anaerobic or aerobic (with or without CO₂)

Propagation:

1. Keep vial frozen until ready for use, then thaw.
2. Transfer the entire thawed aliquot into a single tube of broth.
3. Use several drops of the suspension to inoculate an agar slant and/or plate.
4. Incubate the tube, slant and/or plate at 37°C for 1 to 2 days.

Citation:

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Biosafety Level: 1

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